

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice LP-1758

For: State and County Offices

Informing State and County Offices of Purchase of StarLink Corn

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 StarLink Corn Information

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Background

StarLink corn produced from seed sold by Aventis CropScience is not approved for use in food for human consumption or for the export market and has been found in a food product.

Aventis CropScience has reached an arrangement with USDA to purchase directly from affected producers all farm-stored StarLink corn and buffer corn that will not be used for feed on the producer's farm. Buffer corn is corn grown within 660 feet of the StarLink corn and will be identified by Aventis CropScience, as applicable.

Producers remain eligible for nonrecourse loan and LDP if requests are received before beneficial interest is lost.

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Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with information about:

- CCC's responsibility
- Aventis CropScience responsibility
- contact person.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2001	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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CCC

Responsibility

CCC will purchase farm-stored StarLink corn and buffer corn not fed on the producer's farm or immediately delivered to a feed lot through DACO.

CCC will be reimbursed by Aventis CropScience for all costs incurred by DACO.

State and County FSA Offices will **not** be responsible for making payments under the arrangement agreed to between Aventis CropScience and USDA.

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Basic Information

When producers inquire about handling StarLink corn and buffer corn, County Offices shall:

- inform producers that StarLink corn can be stored in any farm structure, including piled on the ground
 - inform producers that any off-farm delivery of StarLink corn must be pre-approved by Aventis if the producer has agreed to accept Aventis' purchase offer
 - direct StarLink producers to contact Aventis CropScience for any additional information. The telephone number is 888-283-6847.
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Loans and LDP's

Producers are eligible to request nonrecourse loans and/or LDP's for StarLink corn in the normal manner before beneficial interest is lost and must be requested before the producer signs the CCC sales agreement. Title transfers to CCC on the day the producer signs the CCC sales agreement.

Note: For nonrecourse loan requests, eligible storage requirements must be met according to 8-LP, paragraph 424.
